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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise You for Your empowering us to stand with strength and courage in the midst of spiritual warfare. We see the results of the works of evil in the violence and terrorism in both word and deed all around us. And inside our own hearts we often feel hassled by the temptations of pride, aggrandizement, and the need to control.

We come to the armory of Your presence to be suited up with Your whole armor for the battles of the mind and spirit today. Thank you for the breastplate of righteousness that makes us secure in Your unqualified love and forgiveness. Shod our feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace and help us to stride forward with the inner calm of Your perfect peace that passes understanding. Give us the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the invasion of Satanic influence. Place over our heads the helmet of salvation and protect our thinking brain from distorted half-truths and confused direction. Then help us to grasp the sword of the Spirit, Your words of guidance for hand-to-hand battles with evil. On time and in time, whisper in our souls the exact word of encouragement and courage that we need.

So, Lord, we gladly accept Your whole armor as we prepare for the battles of this day. In the name of the One who vanquished evil and is our victorious Lord. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, this morning the leader time has been reserved, and the Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 534, the interstate solid waste bill. Pending is the Hatch amendment to the Specter amendment regarding Senate hearings on Waco and Ruby Ridge. Also, Senators should be aware that a cloture motion was filed on the committee substitute. Therefore, a cloture vote will occur tomorrow, unless an agreement can be reached. All first-degree amendments should be filed by 1 p.m. today. That is very important. Rollcall votes can be expected throughout the day today and into the evening in order to make progress on this bill.

I would add, Mr. President, it would be my hope that we finish this bill today and that those who have amendments will bring them over and let us consider them and see if we can handle them, and, if not, we will vote. But above all, it is very important that people come over with their amendments. All first-degree amendments have to be filed by 1 p.m. today.

So we are here ready to do business, Mr. President.

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE ACT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 534) to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

(1) Specter amendment No. 754, to express the sense of the Senate on taking all possible steps to combat domestic terrorism in the United States.

(2) Hatch amendment No. 755 (to amendment No. 754), to express the sense of the Senate concerning the scheduling of hearings on Waco and Ruby Ridge in the near future.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FAIRCLOTH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE BUDGET AND MEDICARE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I am very anxious that we proceed with the bill before us. In the meantime, I would like to just for a moment or two continue on our freshman focus on the idea of moving forward with these issues that are before the Senate and the House and that do need to be resolved soon, and to emphasize the opportunity that we have to solve them. Specifically, of course, to the budget and more specifically Medicare.

We have talked about Medicare for a good deal of time over the past, but now we come to a time when there is no choice as to whether we have to make a decision or whether we do not. We have before us a report from the trustees, of course, which indicates that unless we do something the fund will be broke in probably 3 years. So it is not a matter of not doing something. It is a matter of what do we do.

I am disappointed, I must say, that the administration has taken the position that we are just going to wait; we are just going to see what happens; we

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